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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 566 By Davis (Cocke)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Manney Moore and the 1999-2000 Cosby High School boys' basketball team on finishing as runner-up in the Class A Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State Tournament.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is proud to recognize those talented high school athletic teams whose skills and commitment to the team concept have enabled them to reach the pinnacle of achievement; and

WHEREAS, the 1999-2000 Cosby High School boys' basketball team, which despite strong competition, finished runner-up at the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament, is unquestionably one such tremendously talented team; and

WHEREAS, the Cosby contingent beat Christian Academy, of Knoxville, 84-66 to finish third in tough District 3-A Tournament action; and

WHEREAS, at the Region 2-A Tournament, the Eagles beat Rockwood 73-47 and Wartburg 81-48, to finish third; and

WHEREAS, they next defeated Unaka, 69-54; Alcoa, 65-61, in double overtime; and Hancock County, 56-45 to capture the coveted North East Sectional title; and

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WHEREAS, in the first game of the TSSAA State tournament, Cosby's stingy defense limited Lake County to just 26% shooting from the field as the team scored a dramatic 56-48 come-from-behind victory; and

WHEREAS, in semifinal play, the Eagles sank 21 free throws in the second half to defeat Pickett County 63-60; and

WHEREAS, this was the second consecutive year that Cosby finished TSSAA Class A runner-up; and

WHEREAS, the team can be especially proud of their accomplishments this memorable season as they posted an outstanding 30-6 record, a winning percentage of .833; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Manney Moore, who was appropriately honored as the District 3-A Coach of the Year, has worked with extraordinary diligence and dedication, and is a fine mentor. His Assistant Coaches are: Duran Williams, Richard Coggins, Ralph Fancher, and Wayne Stiles; and

WHEREAS, those Eagles who received specific accolades for their play this season include Eric Coggins, who was named All-State Tournament, All-Regional Tournament, All-District Tournament, and District Most Valuable Player; Blake Shults, who was selected All-State Tournament, All-Regional Tournament, and All-District Season; and Josh Cutsaw, who was chosen All-State Tournament, All-Regional Tournament, All-District Tournament, and All-District Season; and

WHEREAS, the rest of the team's players include Josh Williams, Andrew Woody, Josh McMahan, Tyler Williams, Kevin Frisbee, Shan Bryant, Matthew Raines, Chris Douglas, Josh Ford, Austin Hunter, and Lacy Gates, all of whom have contributed immeasurably to the success the squad has enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, Principal Joe Buchette and Athletic Director Mike Moore have been enthusiastic supporters of the team; and

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WHEREAS, scorekeeper Carter Moore and managers Scott Jenkins, Will Stiles, Michael Lunsford, Jordan Williams, Josh Spurgeon, and Charlie Williams are also to be commended for their strong support of the team this season; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to join the citizens of Cosby in saluting a team in which they can all be proud; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Manney Moore and the 1999-2000 Cosby High School boys' basketball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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